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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1092

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 1246

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SUBJECT: UNFICYP

REF: STATE 57833, OTTAWA 1107, NICOSIA 1092

1. EXTAFF OFFICIALS CALLED MAY 29 TO ASK WHETHER USG
HAD COMMENTS TO OFFER ON CANADIAN PROPOSAL REPORTED
OTTAWA 1107. EMBOFF REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, BUT MENTIONED
INDICATIONS THAT UNSYG WAS CONSIDERING OVERALL STUDY OF
UNFICYP TO PRESENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL IN DECEMBER (USUN
1895), AS WELL AS MINOR ECONOMY MEASURES IN JUNE. OFFICIALS
REPORT GOC PLANNING TO RAISE ITS PROPOSAL AT TROOP CON-
TRIBUTORS MEETING IN NEW YORK, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.
THEY THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT MOST TROOP CONTRIBUTORS
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WOULD BE COOL TOWARDS IDEA OF UNSYG STUDY, EVEN WHEN PUT IN TERMS AS BLAND AS THOSE PROPOSED BY CANADIANS.

2. WHILE EMBASSY AGREES WITH EMBASSY NICOSIA THAT CANADIAN POSITION IS OVERLY CAUTIOUS, WE WONDER WHETHER MUCH MORE CAN BE EXPECTED, VIEW ATTITUDE OF OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND GENERALLY TENTATIVE APPROACH OF UNSYG. CANADIAN ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE " POLICY" AND " OPERATIONAL" ASPECTS OF ANY UNFICYP STUDY MAY BE ARTIFICIAL, BUT THEY APARENTLY INTEND TO INSIST UPON IT. WE GATHER THAT CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS BY UNFICYP OFFICES, OR BY CANADIAN FORCE COMMANDERS, IS WELL IN ADVANCE OF GOC THINKING.

3. IF, AS EMBASSY NICOSIA SUGGESTS, CANADIANS ARE WRONG IN THINKING THAT ONLY USG INTEREST IN REDUCING UNFICYP IS FINANCIAL, USG HAS NOT TOLD THEM SO OFFICIALLY. LAST FORMAL APPROACH WAS ALONG LINES STATE 57833, WHICH GAVE FINANCIAL DEFICIT AS SOLE REASON FOR REQUESTING UNSYG STUDY.

4. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT-- ADMITTEDLY NOT THE BEST-- IT APPEARS THAT WHILE CANADA IS NOT PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AS USG WOULD LIKE, SHE IS PREPARED GO FARTHER THAN MOST OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTORS IN PRESSING FOR OVERALL STUDY TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER. FURTHER, GOC POSITION IS PROBABLY STILL FLEXIBLE. EMBASSY AGREES WITH NICOSIA' S 1221 THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL HAVE FULL EXCHANGE WITH CANADIANS IN NEW YORK, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS' MEETING.

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